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ARGENTINA - Codovilla spoke at the Congress on 20 February 1956.

"Dear comrades, allow me on behalf of the Communist Party of the Argentine to convey to the delegates of the 20th Congress of the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union which is heading the struggle of the peoples for peace, national independence, democracy, and socialism cordial fraternal greetings. (applause)

"The popular masses of the Argentine as of all other Latin American countries realize that thanks to the wise and unswerving policy of peace pursued by your Central Committee, your Party and people, as well as by the Communist Party and people of the great Chinese People's Republic and other People's Democracies it (becomes) possible to unite all forces of peace into a powerful world-wide front capable of preventing the outbreak of a new war, and for this we offer you our profound gratitude. (applause)

"Comrades! The Communists and workers of the Argentine as all the other Latin American people welcomed with great enthusiasm the draft directives on the Sixth Five Year Plan of the development of the Soviet national economy submitted by your Central Committee for the examination of this Congress. The fulfillment of the Sixth Five Year Plan will once more show to all the world that there can be no doubt in the victory of socialism in the economic competition between the socialist and capitalist systems.

"The realization of this plan will serve as a symbol for the development of the international peace movement as well as for the struggle of the peoples for their freedom and independence, for socialism. In the period of an aggravation of crisis symptoms in the capitalist, colonial and dependent countries which carry every kind of misery and privation to the peoples, you provide a progressive solution to the problems which worry the peoples.

"By insuring the increase of the prosperity of society you display once more the inexhaustible creative possibilities of the peoples who have rid themselves of imperialist oppression and capitalist exploitation. Therefore the eyes of the Latin American peoples, victims of unbridled pillaging and exploitation on the part of the foreign imperialisms, of landlords, and big capitalists are rivetted on your creative work. Every one of your steps in the historical matter of building communism and the defense of peace is a stimulus and support in the struggle of the peoples for national and social liberation.

"Up to recently certain circles of the Latin American countries through that only imperialist countries can help us in our economic development. This notion has suffered a crushing blow through the clear statement of the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Bulganin that the Latin American countries may count upon the generous aid of the Soviet Union in the exploitation of their national riches, in the development of their economy in the interests of the peoples of these countries, and national independence.

"This statement made the deepest impression on all social strata of the Latin American countries, from proletariat to the national bourgeoisie. The difference between the line of the imperialist countries which in their trade relations impose political and military conditions in defiance of the national sovereignty and the line of the USSR which proposes the establishment of mutual relations without political discrimination, on the basis of equality, mutual advantage, and strict respect for the sovereignty of each country became more obvious than ever to the Latin American peoples.

"The plans of the reactionary forces of Latin American inspired by imperialism which showed its true face of a colonizer during the military intervention in Guatemala are suffering defeat. They will inevitably suffer defeat also in the future.

"The love and respect of the Latin American peoples for the Soviet Union and its policy of peace are steadily growing. This became particularly noticeable after the Soviet proposals to the United States became known on the conclusion of a treaty of friendship and

cooperation between the USSR and the United States, which would also save Latin America as the rest of the world from the threat of war.

"Comrades, the Latin American peoples are taking an increasingly active part in the great world-wide movement of the colonial and dependent peoples fighting for national and social liberation. The plots and upheavals carried out by the forces of internal reaction supported by the imperialists in various Latin American countries including the Argentine may make this process more difficult but they cannot arrest it.

"A guarantee of this is the growth of the democratic forces, and primarily of the communist parties, the strengthening of their unity, and the intensification of their influence on the masses. The communist parties play an increasingly important part in the life of their countries; they rally together all democratic and progressive forces and all patriots in the struggle for peace, for democracy, for an improvement of the conditions of life, and work for national independence.

"Aware that the success of this historical task will be increased the more deeply our Party masters the immortal teaching of Marxism-Leninism, we are making every effort toward the ideological training of the Communists and the organizational strengthening of the Party.

"The theoretical problems posed at this Congress will give us enormous help in the solution of this task. Long live the 20th Congress of the glorious fraternal Communist Party of the Soviet Union! (prolonged applause) Long live friendship among all the peoples and countries in the common struggle for democracy and peace! (Tempestuous prolonged applause. All rise) (End Codovilla)"

CHILE - On 22 February 1956 a message of greetings was read from the Chilean Communist Party.

"The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Chile greets the 20th Congress of the great Communist Party of the Soviet Union. (applause) The Soviet people and its Communist Party have won wonderful victories in the building of communism and in the struggle for peace the world over. The Soviet Union unflaggingly upholds the independence of the colonial and semi-colonial countries, the independence and industrial development of backward states, trade and cultural exchange, and respect for the right of every people to decide its own fate. The great CPR and other People's Democracies have also scored outstanding successes in socialist transformation.

"All this constitutes the basic factor which inspires the broad, progressive forces which are daily growing in all parts of the world, including Chile, the southernmost country on the American continent, and the one which is most distant from Europe and Asia. The Chilean people are insistently struggling for peace, democratic freedoms, and national independence.

"The working class of Chile, led by our Party, has brought about the unification of trade unions by establishing a single trade union center for the working people of Chile. The trade union unity is waxing in strength; fresh successes have been scored in the unity of actions of the broad democratic forces. The working class is uniting in a single front of national liberation all the different social sections whose interests are in increasingly acute conflict with the interests of the American monopolists, local landowners, and big capitalists.

"Our struggle is an onerous one, but the Chilean people will be victorious. Nobody and nothing will prevent it from establishing a democratic order and gaining full independence. With tremendous joy it receives the news of ever new victories of the Soviet Union. Our people realize that these victories open up before the entire human race new and glittering prospects.

"Long live the peace-loving policy of the Soviet Union. Long live the great and glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union, led by

the invincible, ever-young teaching of Marxism-Leninism and the collective wisdom of its Central Committee.

"The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Chile.
{Tempestuous prolonged applause! All stand up} (End message)"

COLOMBIA - A message of greetings from the Colombian Communist Party was read on 23 February 1956.

"The Colombian Communist Party greets with favor the 20th Congress of the Glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which it considers decisive in the great fight for the building of communism and in the defense of world peace.

"In our country the Yankee imperialists and their reactionary agents confiscate and burn the books and publications which tell the truth about the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies. In spite of this the Colombian workers know that the Soviet Union heads the field of democracy and peace, that the Soviet Union represents the hope of the peoples of the whole world, that the Soviet Union points to the peoples the path to their liberation and victory, and from exploitation and ignorance.

"At present in Colombia there is being created the basis of a broad fighting front against the bloodthirsty military dictatorship imposed and upheld (words missing--Ed.) the independence, the Yankee imperialists. The reactionary circles of Colombia are selling national sovereignty for dollars and try to strengthen the semifeudal system of latifundia by depriving the peasants of their lands with violence. All this increases resistance to the anti-national regime. The working masses of Colombia fight in diverse ways, in some regions of the country defending with weapons their rights and interests.

"The experiences of the Colombian people show that the struggle for the just cause of democratic freedom and national independence can also be carried out with success on the American continent. In spite of anti-communist provocations and cruel persecution, the Colombian Communist Party is being tempered in the fire of the people's resistance, steadfastly struggling for liberty for the people, for

independence, and national sovereignty.

"The great example of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union inspires Colombian Communists in the present difficult circumstances in their fight to build a party capable of heading the resistance of the Colombian people and leading them to victory along the path of national and social liberation.

"Long live the 20th Congress of the CPSU. Long live Marxism-Leninism. Signed: The Central Committee of the Colombian Communist Party."

CUBA - On 22 February 1956 a message of greetings from PSP of Cuba (CP Cuba) was read (but not broadcast by Moscow).

MEXICO - On 23 February 1956, Dionisio Encina read a message of greetings from the Mexican Communist Party.

"Dear comrades, in the name of the Communists, the working class, and all the workers of Mexico, the Central Committee of the Mexican Communist Party greets with affection and revolutionary emotion the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to which it expresses its most fervent congratulations. Guided by the collective wisdom of its Leninist Central Committee, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union leads the working class and the Soviet people from victory to victory. The draft directives of the Sixth Five Year Plan and resolutions of the Central Committee directed at the development of agricultural and industrial production of the USSR and at raising the material and cultural level of the population shows the workers of the world the real picture of the new world without exploitation and filled with happiness.

"Mexico is a country dominated by United States monopolies which increasingly day by day, ransack her natural wealth, exploit her workers, distort her economy, and turn her into a dependency of theirs. The Mexican people, following its tradition of fighting for liberty and independence, struggles for the truly national development of Mexico and will achieve its victory.

"In the defense of its cause, the people of Mexico are not alone.

With them are all the peoples of the world, and in a special way the great field of peace, democracy, and socialism, which is worthily headed by the great and beloved Soviet Union. The resolutions of the 20th Congress of the CPSU will be a guiding light for communists, the working class, and the people of Mexico in the struggle for national liberation.

"Long live the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union! Long live the glorious and invincible banner of communism! (End greetings)"

URUGUAY - On 23 February 1956, R. Arismendi conveyed greetings to the Congress.

"The victories of the CPSU won in the construction of communism and in the preservation of peace, as well as in the creative development of Marxism-Leninism, are a great stimulus in the struggle of our people for national and social liberation. Our Party, Arismendi went on, regards as its aim to unite all the patriotic forces of the country in a united democratic front of national liberation, led by the working class in alliance with the peasantry. The unity of action already embraces broad strata of the proletariat. The independent organization of peasants and farm laborers is growing and becoming stronger. The patriotic strata of the intelligentsia (words unintelligible --Ed.)

"Bulganin's statement on the readiness of the USSR to render technical assistance and develop trade with Latin American countries evoked among us an extensive favorable response. The visit of N. A. Bulganin and N. S. Khrushchev to India, Burma, and Afghanistan was also greatly acclaimed in our country."